

Morning Star Baptist Church since September of 1999.

Prior to serving in Omaha, Reverend Adams' ministry spanned more than a decade in Lawton, Oklahoma, and includes serving as a pastor in Stuttgart, Germany, for 2 years. Reverend Adams has earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the Andersonville Baptist Seminary, and he is a graduate of the Harvard Divinity School's Leadership Institute.

He has made his country a priority. He is an 8-year veteran, having served honorably in the United States Army. He has made our Omaha community a priority, particularly the more vulnerable citizens, our youth, and our seniors.

When youth violence arose in our community, it was Reverend Dr. Adams who reached out to other pastors in North Omaha to unify efforts and message against the violence in our neighborhoods. He has reached out to help our seniors who needed housing.

Reverend Adams is nationally known as a wonderful preacher, a great teacher, an irreplaceable pillar in our community, and a friend to many. He is blessed by his two children, Leroy and Maria, and Omaha is, in turn, blessed by this minister and his family.

May God continue to bless his life, his family, and his ministry for years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

"YES" TO JOBS

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that while 14 million Americans are looking for work, there are only 3 million job openings. This means that if every single job was filled outright, there would still be 11 million Americans unemployed and looking for work.

Passing the President's jobs bill will help these people and help our overall economy. According to Mark Zandi, Moody's economist, the President's plan would add 2 percentage points to the GDP growth next year, add 1.9 million jobs by next year, and cut the unemployment rate by 1 percentage point next year.

Published reports indicate that economists across this country are giving the President's plan a thumb's up. This is a clear chance for all of us to say "yes"—yes to growth, yes to a middle class tax cut, and, most importantly, yes to jobs and our overall economy.

PRESIDENT'S SECOND STIMULUS INCREASES DEBT AND TAXES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday the President addressed a joint session of Congress in order to describe his second stimulus. This proposal would create \$447 billion in new spending, being paid for by tax increases.

House Republicans remain committed to working together in order to create job growth and promote an environment that allows for small businesses to hire workers. Sadly, the administration's proposal pushes new taxes on small businesses, which would create an environment that destroys jobs. The President was previously correct, saying you do not increase taxes in a recession. Raising taxes destroys jobs.

The administration's last stimulus added \$814 billion to our debt. More importantly, it failed to accomplish the goal of keeping unemployment below 18 percent. Currently, 14 million people are unemployed and 25 million who want a full-time job do not have one.

The House Republicans have passed numerous bills to create jobs. House Republicans have shown their commitment to jump-starting the ability of small businesses to create jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

JOBS

(Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, I come from a part of this country where my constituents are real down-to-earth people, commonsense people.

We want a good education for our kids, we want Medicare and Social Security for our seniors, and we want the Buffalo Bills to continue their winning streak. But more than anything, we want to get our people back to work—for our kids who thought a college education was the ticket to a good job, for our veterans who stepped out of line to go fight and protect us who now find themselves in the unemployment line, and for middle managers who thought they were set for life until the day the pink slip showed up on their desk and turned their lives upside down.

We all know we have to get this country back to work. We need to pass the American Jobs Act to do just that.

Just 24 hours ago, Democrats and Republicans stood shoulder to shoulder on the steps of this Capitol, united in remembrance of 10 years ago, the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Why can't we stand together again and do what's right for the American people, Democrats and Republicans shoulder to shoulder? If we

get the job done here, people out there will get jobs.

JOB CREATION

(Mr. FINCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this morning to discuss the need to create jobs, my priority since I arrived here in January.

Last Thursday, the President addressed Congress about his proposal to create jobs and move this country forward. We must do better.

Recently, I introduced two bills that are my proposals to help spur job creation:

I introduced the America's Energy Independence Act, which would prevent the EPA from enforcing its cross-State pollution rule for 10 years to keep the flow of electricity high and the cost of electricity for America's families low. The President recognized that the EPA's new smog standards would lead to job losses, but he played politics and only rescinded the standards until right after the election.

I also introduced the Invest in America Act, which would suspend the capital gains tax for 10 years, providing more certainty to families who are being penalized for selling their homes, their investments and farms.

Instead of spending money we don't have on initiatives that don't work, these bills provide actual help to Americans so they can get back to the business of making America great.

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REGULATING CORPORATE ELECTION EXPENDITURES

(Ms. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, John Paul Stevens warned that the Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United threatened to undermine the integrity of elected institutions around the country. How right he was.

Since the Court's decision last January, corporate special interests have had unprecedented freedom to spend on our elections. In fact, campaign spending by outside groups surged to more than \$300 million in the 2010 election cycle and are already off the charts for this cycle. Likewise, State laws that limited corporate bankrolling of candidates have been struck down.

Mr. Speaker, we have unprecedented challenges in front of us. But how do we make the tough choices on the economy, on taxes, on protecting the vulnerable and investing in the future and creating jobs? We cannot stand idly by while deeply flawed interpretations of the Constitution are used to obstruct our democracy rather than guiding it, putting lobbyists and piles of cash into policy and elections.

It's time for the people's House to stop the madness; and so this week I joined with Judiciary Committee Ranking Member CONYERS to reintroduce a constitutional amendment, House Joint Resolution 78, to reclaim Congress and to regulate corporate expenditures.

EMPOWERING PARENTS THROUGH QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT

(Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2218, the Empowering Parents Through Quality Charter Schools Act.

This bill strikes close to home for me and my district in Arkansas where one charter school program, the Knowledge is Power Program, or KIPP, as it is called, has had a profound impact on the lives of its students and their families.

In one of the poorest cities in America, the town of Helena-West Helena has instituted a charter school that empowers students from high poverty communities to develop the character, knowledge, and skills necessary to follow their dreams and, more importantly, learn to value a life in pursuit of knowledge and truth.

KIPP students go above and beyond what is required; and for that, our country is a better place. These students have their parents and teachers to thank. They are always accessible and always committed to their education and their well-being. The KIPP approach shows that high standards overcome the obstacles created by socioeconomic and circumstances, as evidenced by KIPP Delta's first graduating class, 100 percent of which now attend college, and the establishment of a new KIPP school in Blytheville, Arkansas.

I urge my colleagues to pass this bill so children and their families all across the country have the opportunity to empower their own lives, their families, and their communities.

JOBS NOW

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, President Obama has offered the American Jobs Act, a clear path forward to putting our country back to work, helping small businesses succeed and hire and providing tax relief for our workers and rebuilding America. The emphasis of the plan is immediate action that will preserve and create jobs now. It will put money into the pockets of working Americans now, and it will give businesses job-creating tax breaks now. It will provide a boost to the economy that we need now.

Mr. Speaker, it's time for Democrats and Republicans to work together and with our President to put the country

back to work. The American people literally can't afford to wait a single day more. It's time to pass the American Jobs Act now.

RESPONSIBLE CHOICES

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, in these dire financial times, government must identify what works and what doesn't, even when it comes to sex education for our kids.

The CDC released a fascinating study this year that found that two-thirds of teens, ages 15 to 17, are abstaining from sex. In fact, 70 percent of parents support abstinence until marriage for their teens.

But under this administration, we have seen a troubling 16:1 funding disparity between contraceptive-centered education and sexual risk avoidance education.

That's why last week I filed a bill, H.R. 2874, to restore fairness to the funding and direct it instead to programs which give our kids the facts about contraception without distorting them.

I am a dad of four great kids, two of them teenagers. I have a 15-year-old daughter, Kylie, and a 17-year-old son, Karsten, who may, in fact, be watching right now. Nothing is more important to me than seeing them make responsible choices. I have every confidence that they will. Now I'm just hoping the House and Senate will do the same.

JOBS

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, we are in a time of national economic crisis. There are 14 million Americans without a job. There are another 12 million who wish they could work but have given up looking altogether.

That's why last week President Obama presented Congress with an urgent proposal to create jobs and fix the economy. Republican economist Mark Zandi declared the President's plan would keep the U.S. from sliding back into the recession, add two points to the GDP, and add 1.9 million jobs. This plan is based on bipartisan proposals, and it won't add a dime to the deficit.

After 9 months of taking over the House, Republicans have not presented a single jobs bill. It's well past time for them to put politics aside and come together with Democrats to put the country back to work. With so many people suffering, we must act and we must act now.

REDUCING HURDLES TO JOB GROWTH

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, Mississippi is a great place to live, work, and raise a family; and I want to keep it that way. Mississippi is a proud right-to-work State. My State has attracted and continues to attract high-tech economic development projects and advanced manufacturing facilities.

At a time when more than 14 million workers are unemployed, we must do everything possible to remove government barriers to job creation and economic growth. As South Carolina knows too well, the National Labor Relations Board is stifling job creation, and their Federal intrusion must be restrained.

The Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act will prohibit the NLRB from dictating where a private sector employer can locate. This is good for job seekers as well as job creators. Without restraint, all States, especially right-to-work States like my Mississippi, will be negatively impacted. We like to work in Mississippi and we like jobs, and we want more of them, not less.

SUPPORT AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of President Obama's American Jobs Act. As a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am especially glad to see that the President has maintained his unwavering commitment to modernizing America's infrastructure. Our roads, bridges, highways, and transit systems support millions of jobs throughout the country that are crucial to strengthening our economy.

The establishment of a national infrastructure bank is a bipartisan proposal that I have been a strong proponent of for many years. More recently, I have learned that my senior Senator is also very supportive. This bank would leverage private and capital funds to invest in infrastructure projects of a national significance. It's public and private partnerships like this that make our country succeed, and we need more of them. I urge all of my colleagues to support this bipartisan measure.

God bless the troops, God bless America, and God bless the Members of the people's House to rise above partisanship and be bipartisan in addressing the people's problems.

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GOOD JOBS NOW

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, today, members of the Progressive Caucus stood up and displayed a videotape in